2007 AmeriCorps Planning Application	Applicant:	
	Reviewer Name:	
I. Program Design – Rationale and Approach		
Focus Questions:	Comments (Strengths and Weaknesses):	
Does the applicant:		
Describe the need to be addressed, the target communities to be served, and the process to be used to document the need?		
To the extent possible, explain the activities proposed to address the need and the roles envisioned for AmeriCorps members and community participants in these activities?		
Describe in general what measurable outputs and outcomes will be achieved?		
Discuss how the target communities have been involved in planning the program to date and how they will continue to be involved in the planning process and implementation?		
Explain plans for ensuring that the proposed program builds on (without duplicating), or reflects collaboration with, other national and community service programs supported by the Corporation in Montana?		
Discuss how program design is replicable?		
	SECTION SCORE (scale 1-10):	

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I. Program Design – Member Outputs and Outcomes		
Focus Questions:	Comments (Strengths and Weaknesses):	
Does the applicant:		
Describe the type of individual that will be recruited as an AmeriCorps member and discuss the qualifications or background a member will need to serve in the proposed program?		
Discuss the extent to which they expect to recruit members from among the residents of the target communities?		
Discuss in general the training, supervision, and ongoing assistance they will provide in order to effectively prepare and support AmeriCorps members?		
	SECTION SCORE (scale 1-10):	

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I. Program Design – Community Outputs and Outcomes		
Focus Questions:	Comments (Strengths and Weaknesses):	
Does the applicant:		
Describe plans for the sustainability of the program beyond the presence of federal support, including strategies to diversify funding sources to include a wide range of stakeholders (such as state, local, and private sector funding); strategies for recruiting and supporting volunteers to sustain member activities beyond AmeriCorps, or how the community will maintain the project?		
Discuss plans to incorporate volunteer generation (non AmeriCorps members) and support into the proposed program to expand its reach in the community?		
Explain how the proposed program will enhance the capacity-building of its organization, service sites, and other important organizations and institutions in the community?		
	SECTION SCORE (scale 1-10):	

## 2007 AmeriCorps Planning Applicant: \_ **Application** Reviewer Name: II. Organizational Capability Focus Questions: Comments (Strengths and Weaknesses): Does the applicant: Provide a brief history of the organization including the year it was established and funding history, if any, with the Corporation? Describe its ability to successfully plan an AmeriCorps program? Describe how the planning period will be used to develop the capacity to effectively manage an operating program including: establishing systems and processes for sound programmatic and fiscal oversight; creating a process for selecting operating and service sites (if applicable) that will ensure the most appropriate and capable organizations are selected; planning orientation and training for operating and service sites (if applicable); and ensuring the ability to provide or secure effective technical assistance? Provide a detailed description of the planning process and a timeline for planning activities? Describe the organization's management and staff structure and the role the board of directors, administrators, and staff members will play in the planning process? Demonstrate that the organization has a sound record of accomplishment; and discuss prior experience in the proposed area of programming and other examples of the organization's leadership in the community? **SECTION SCORE (scale 1-10): -**

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III. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy		
Focus Questions:	Comments (Strengths and Weaknesses):	
Does the applicant:		
Describe plans to develop a cost-effective program including how they will develop diverse non-federal resources that will support the program implementation and sustainability?		
Discuss the adequacy of the budget to support the planning process including the match commitments (cash and in-kind) for the planning process, and how any additional commitments for the planning grant will be secured?		
	SECTION SCORE (scale 1-10): ———	

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Overall Strengths of Proposal:	
Overall Weaknesses of Proposal:	
Reviewer Score:	
I. Program Design (50%)	
Rationale and Approach	X .9 =
Member Outputs and Outcomes	X .8 =
Community Outputs and Outcomes	X .8 =
II. Organizational Capability (25%)	X 1.25 =
III. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25%)	X 1.25 =
TOTAL SCORE:	/ 50

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Overall Strengths of Proposal:	Overall Weaknesses of Proposal:	
Questions Needing Resolution and Other Comments:		
Final Consensus Score:		
I. Program Design (50%)		
Rationale and Approach	X .9 =	
Member Outputs and Outcomes	X .8 =	
Community Outputs and Outcomes	X .8 =	
II. Organizational Capability (25%)	X 1.25 =	
III. Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25%)	X 1.25 =	
TOTAL SCORE:	/ 50	

Comments of Staff Facilitator on Review Process (use back if necessary):